THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 92.5% of the Golden Quadrilateral has been completed as on 30.06.2006.

(b) to (e) The streches falling in State of Andhra Pradesh have been completed except for a 6 km. stretch pertaining to contract package of Champavati-Srikakulam which was terminated on account of submission of forged bank guarantee by the contractor. The contract has been re-awarded for the balance work and the same is targeted to be completed by December, 2006.

96% of Golden Quadrilateral Project is targeted to be completed by December, 2006. Balance of 4% stretches are affected due to non-performance of contractor, re-awarded of terminated contracts and also award of Allahabad bypass in 2004 with completion date in 2007.

R&D Institute for transport sector

1147. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Pune, the only model R&D Institute for road trasport sector is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Industry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any effort has been made to get the CRRI transferred to the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether any such nodal R&D Institute is proposed to be set up for road transport sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no proposal to set up any nodal R&D Institute for road transport sector.